10/30/70

Dear Gary,

Although I did not get to bed early, I did get up early and have a fair start on the legal work of which I wrote last night. I've just returned from taking Lil to her morning's work and answer your 10/27 before I get bogged down. Aside from two legal documents on which I must work, 120 more sheets of proofs came today, Jerry is coming tonight, and another friend not yet known to you, with his wife, either tonight or tomorrow, for the weekend.

The letter was to Matt, from whom I'd nothing since a year ago June when J wrote me of their undying love and his intention to write as soon as he finished a then-current project.

Charach: I'm staying away. I haven't time and I do have doubts. The Conn. number may be that of Mrs. Jo Fomerance. Those who met him at something arranged by Bud were so unimpressed it rubbed off on Bud and Jim, but I think will will not prevent Bud's fucking away the time and money required by his pre-existing obligations. He is, alas, a lemming. Eaten by desires he cannot achieve except by means his ego cannot accept.

Lacking scientific knowledge as I do, I can't have a valid opinion, but my unscientific one is that if Sirhan is a paranoid Schizo, as I'd just assumed, this should make him more susceptible to suggestion, not less, if that suggestion can be accomodated to his condition(s), which I'd take to be child's play for a pro.

Butler-Washington: that was Dodd, Internal Security. He has done much good work on this. Bud was close to their counsel, but could not get or get to see that "testimony", still not released. It has to be crap. However Butler himself remains of interest for several reasons I don't take time for, none having to do with his politics, all with what he knows, did, etc.

Matt's trip is a great idea for the reasons given, but I believe more lies behind it, as does behind his silence. He is torn by his abdication from any struggle for a better society and has become part of the easy life of the formerly concerned. Too bad, for he's a great guy.

It is unfortunate the legal aid I need is not available, for we have some of the best opportunities yet. Their success should not be dominated by my ignorance, but I fear it will be. I have no choice but to proceed, for one paper must be filed in a week, and after I get it done and corrected, Lil will have to find time to type it, etc. The other should have been done before this, but my associates, typically, could not decided, decided every different way every time I saw them, wound up agreeing it should be done, and leaving that to me. It, too, has an enormous potential I may not be able to reach --may blow. This is not just a matter if I do not do it, it will not get done. It is something that should have been done a long time ago and was agreed to in the Spring!

Nothing else new.

Best,